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### President's Message

Another annual convention has come and gone. Our annual meeting was held in connection with the **Royal Canadian Numismatic Association's** annual convention in Windsor, Ontario. Minutes for the meeting and our financial report will be published in a future issue of Timber Talk. I will advise that our Association had a small loss last year but is still in good shape financially for the future.

We had 25 members and guests at our annual meeting this year including one very special guest. **Jim Charlton** who was just 10 days short of his 100th birthday honoured us by coming to the convention and requesting that one of his stops would be our meeting. **Jim** is in good shape and is still a good speaker. We were also joined by **Jim's** nephew **Paul** and also by **Bret Evans**, 1st Vice-President of **RCNA** and Editor of the **Canadian Coin News**. (picture courtesy of **Dan Gosling**)



Our meeting included a lively discussion of the size of our bulletin "Timber Talk". The meeting decided that 8 pages is an ideal size but the editor was given discretion to increase the size of an issue to 12 pages, if it was necessary to publish timely material of Canadian content.



Our prayers and well wishes to our member **Bob Lenz** who was just released from the hospital and is at home continuing his battle with the health pirate (cancer).

You gain strength, **courage**, and confidence by every experience by which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.' Eleanor Roosevelt quote

If anyone wishes to contact me on any issue you can reach me by mail at Al Munro, Box 2643 Station M, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 3C1, by phone at 403-273-6133 or by email at woods5cents@shaw.ca.

Good collecting to everyone and see you at next year's convention in Calgary (July 19-22, 2012) and in two years in Winnipeg (2013).

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## Wood Your Wife Think This Funny? shared by Dave Marcella

This guy was sitting at home alone when he heard a knock on the front door. There were two sheriffs deputies there. He asked them if there was a problem. One of the deputies asked if he was married and if he could see a picture of his wife. The guy says "sure " and shows him a picture of his wife. The sheriff says, "I'm very sorry sir, it looks like your wife's been hit by a truck." The guy says, " I know, but she has a great personality, and is a great cook."



[This is a brand new 100% wooden Deputy Sheriff construction that consists of Birchwood (front) and South American Mahogany (back). This plaque measures approximately 11" in diameter and is a 2 layered artwork that can be wall mounted and/or would also make a great table top decoration. Laser cutting of the wooden pieces ensures total symmetry and absolute geometric perfection. On the same token the artwork is a hardy and durable construction that will last a lifetime. Each piece is hand sanded, polished and then coated with a low gloss water and alcohol resistant coating that ensures the durability of the artwork.]

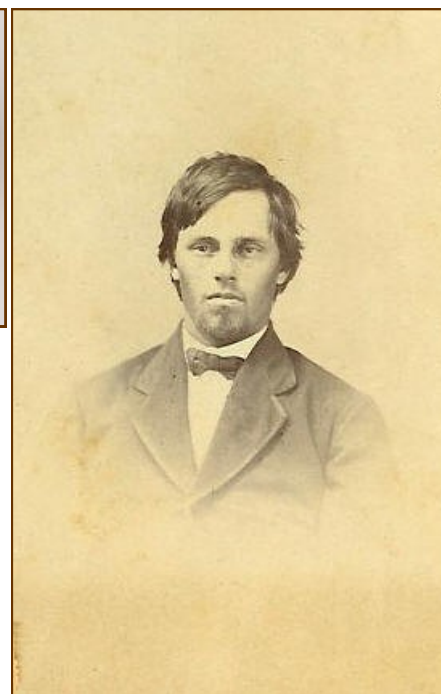
## Van Metre Family Holland



Scott Van Metre has registered his family name as a domain and is building his family tree, along with military service records, and much more. He asks that Van Metre family members send their family line to him, and he will send back a family wooden nickel. Learn more at this website [http://www.vanmetre.com/wooden\\_nickels.htm](http://www.vanmetre.com/wooden_nickels.htm).

This is an interesting use of wooden nickels, which could result in a series of wooden nickels issued from one generation to the next generation.

There are interesting family pictures on this site too such as this one of John Van Metre whose family migrated to Iowa.







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**Victor Hall\***

**1975—1977:**  
**Garry Braunwarth**

(\*Deceased)

## Tribute to James E. Charlton

### Free Wood of the Month of August 2011

**Canada Wide Woods** made 150 of these 1-3/4 inch round woods printed with blue ink on both sides. **Norm Belsten** and **CWW** are sharing the production cost of these woods, and therefore share credit for this month's featured CAWMC wood to honour Jim's 100th Birthday. The obverse reads "CONGRATULATIONS JIM ON YOUR 100TH BIRTHDAY THE CANADIAN ICON OF NUMISMATICS" and the reverse reads, "HAPPY BIRTHDAY JIM CHARLTON JULY 26 1911-2011".



<Picture courtesy of RCNA (Bret Evans, CCN).

**James E. Charlton** (born July 26, 1911) is a Canadian coin dealer and numismatic publisher according to Wikipedia for Educational Purposes. After working as a stationary engineer, he

opened a coin store in Toronto. He published his first guidebook, *Catalogue of Canadian Coins, Tokens & Fractional Currency*, in 1952. Other titles from Charlton Press followed. Subsequently he sold his store to concentrate on his publications, and later sold his publishing company, Charlton Press, which continues to publish price guides for coins, banknotes and other collectibles. But for most in numismatist circles, Jim is a dear friend and respected colleague who understands the passion of collecting. Jim is the 1972 recipient of the J. Douglas Ferguson Award, 2008 Paul Fiocca Award, and 2000 Fellow of RCNA. Jim is the 1967 ONA Award of Merit recipient

The James E. Charlton Junior Award was established in 1969 as an annual presentation for the best exhibit of Canadian coins displayed by a Junior member (under 18 years of age) at the R.C.N.A. Convention. As a great believer in the importance of encouraging young people to take an interest in our hobby Mr. Charlton created an award to acknowledge excellence in exhibits. The R.C.N.A. Executive named the award in his honour and to acknowledge his generous financial support toward this award.

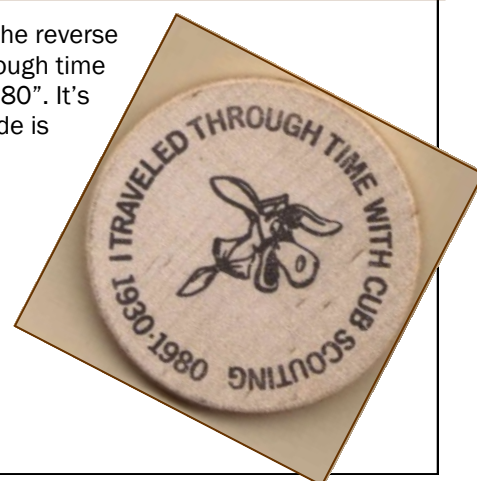


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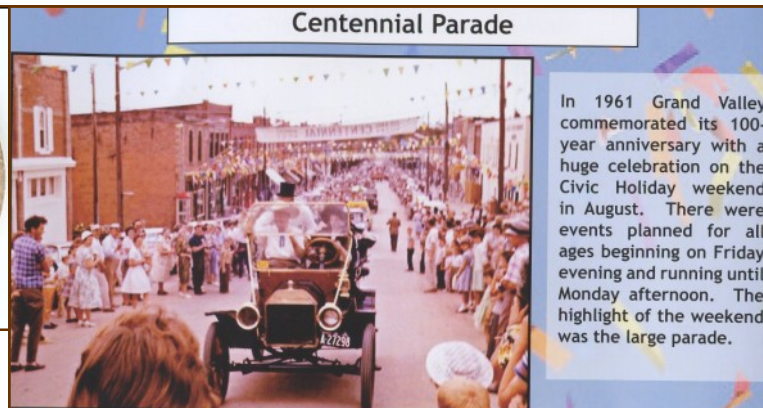
Correction to July 2011 *Timber Talk* issue re wrong diameters, the ONA woods of **Randal Haigh** are 35mm and **Peter Becker** are 45mm, not 38mm as previously reported.



I simply love the motto on the reverse of this wood "I traveled through time with cub scouting 1930-1980". It's interesting that the offer side is dated 1986.



## *Grand Valley Milestones* submitted by Ross Kingdon



This is my 100th Anniversary of Grand Valley wood acquired in 1961. In Norm's catalogue it is 5310-001, bl / bl round 38 mm but the quantity made is unknown.

When the first settlers came to this area in 1854 they discovered that this pleasant valley provided fresh water, abundant fish and game, and great stands of timber; all the necessities they would require to begin a new life. By 1860 they had a post office and schoolhouse, and had formed their own local government. The name of their newly founded hamlet was Luther Village. With the coming of the railroad in 1870 Grand Valley quickly became a thriving community with its success based on its agricultural surroundings. The first Fall Fair was held on October 25, 1870. For the first 16 years the one-day fair was held on the open property east of Crozier Street known as the Commons. In 1886 the name was changed to Grand Valley, and the present day fair grounds at the north end of the village were purchased. The exhibits were shown in the upper level of the Dominion Hotel stable which was located west of where the Cenotaph is now located. The people of Grand Valley have always taken a keen interest in sports and other social activities.



In June 2011 I acquired this Grand Valley Sesquicentennial wood (in Norm's catalogue as 5310-031) celebrating 150 years July 1st-3rd, 2011, and a \$2 souvenir booklet which publication was only possible due to a generous donation from Orica Canada Inc. I was able to reach the lady who actually ordered the wood, after visiting her home 3 times and trying telephone too. She ordered the wood from the Old Time Wooden Nickel Co. of San Antonio, Texas, U.S.A. There were 500 green / green round 38 mm ordered and the company shipped 530 to her. People at the parade had them on wrists, neck / key chains, and on purses. Opening ceremonies on July 1st included the Hummingbird Dancers, cold buffet, street dance, car show, craft vendors, buskers, county museum display, and Old Boys / Old Girls

Reunion. July 2nd was the celebratory parade of individual, group and family entries of floats, bicycles, clowns, frogs, tractors, trucks and much more. There was a Lion's breakfast, soccer, firefighters waterball, library historical display, buskers, Riverbend Artists, Community Harvest, BBQ Lunch, beer garden and Ramblin Rascals Band, OPP Golden Helmets performance, horseshow tourney, ice-cream eating contest, Old-Fashioned Picnic games, and Ice Surface Dance. Dinner tickets for a little bit country and a little bit rock'n'roll featured smoked pork chops, baked potato, salads, and dessert catered by Marie's Valley Inn. July 3rd was county museum display, church service, Junior Farmers talent show with food booth, buskers, Victoria Garden Party (period dress), and closing ceremonies.

## *C.A.W.M.C. News!*

- There is no change from our current Executive (July 2009-July 2011) to our new Executive (July 2011-July 2013) so welcome back to our officers and directors! Your continued dedication and service is much appreciated.
- Minutes from our Annual meeting held at the RCNA 2011 Convention and our fiscal financial statements will be in our September 2011 Timber Talk.
- If you made an RCNA Convention wood not shown on the next page, please send a scan to both Norm Belsten and Judy Blackman while confirming the quantity issued and in what size the wood is.



# RCNA CONVENTION WOODS FOR 2011

## By Norm Belsten L 45



BLUE



BLUE



MULTI



GREEN



GREEN



RED



RED



BLUE



ORANGE



ORANGE



RED



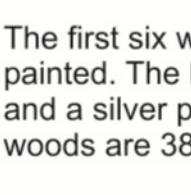
BLUE



MULTI



SILVER



The first six woods were hot stamped, with one then hand painted. The last wood has a stamp recessed on one side and a silver plate with the info recessed on the other. All above woods are 38 mm in diameter.



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GOLD



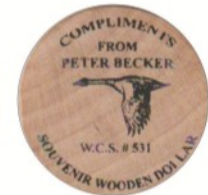
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RED



BLACK



MULTI



BLACK



COPPER



BLACK



COPPER

This next five woods all hot stamped, are 45mm in diameter



MULTI



BLUE



GOLD



RED

This wood is a fund raiser sold at \$5.00 each with all the proceeds going to CAWMC. The rose was hand painted, and the wood is 65mm in diameter

The final wood issued; is hot stamped and 38mm in diameter, to promote next years RCNA convention in Calgary Alberta and the Calgary Stampede, was in the convention kits. In all 14 different woods were issued for the 2011 RCNA convention.



## SPENARD BUILDERS SUPPLY TOKENS

submitted by **David Phillips**



In June of this year (2010), my wife and I, plus our sister-in-law, cruised to Alaska and then did a 10-day drive about. The primary purpose of this trip was to enjoy the sights and sounds of Alaska. Searching out Alaskan wooden nickels was a minor objective, and only if circumstances permitted. Well, circumstances did permit on a few occasions, and the following is one of the results:

I got wind of a wood from **Spenard Builders Supply Co.** in Fairbanks, so visited this company's location there, and "lucked out"! A very pleasant and helpful receptionist gave me four wooden and two plastic tokens as issued within the company at all its locations (there are nineteen locations throughout Alaska and one location in Washington State). The four wooden tokens, worth 1¢, 5¢ (2 varieties), and 10¢, are awarded to employees for accident-free terms of employment. These tokens are redeemable from a rewards catalogue for a variety of merchandise.

The yellow Smart Cents plastic token is awarded to employees who pass various product knowledge and customer service tests.

The white President's Award plastic token is awarded to deserving employees for good comments received from customers.

I did not ask enough questions about these last two tokens, so I am not sure if these tokens are redeemable, but would suspect so.



The tokens program has been in effect in the company for six years, and to the best of the receptionist's knowledge, will continue on for the foreseeable future.

## Walking the Talk

ProSalesMagazineOnline January 1, 2006 by P.C.]

[Editor's Note: research from

During the 2005 NLBMDA/ProSales Industry Summit in October, the *National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association* presented its first-annual *National Industry Leader in Safety Awards*. Two yards—the Kodiak, Alaska, branch of *Spenard Builders Supply* and the Ray Brook, N.Y., branch of *Gregory Supply*—were recognized for setting a powerful example in the industry. The judges reviewed extensive documentation in selecting the winners, both of which showed exceptional commitment to the safety of their employees. The Kodiak, Alaska, location of *Spenard Builders Supply* puts safety first. Every morning, Kriss Larsen walks the aisles of *Spenard Builders Supply* in Kodiak,



Alaska. As the branch manager, she's on the lookout for employees she can reward for doing things safely. It might be someone suggesting to a co-worker to use a ladder instead of overreaching, or employees shoveling snow from the steps after a storm without being asked. She hands out "Safety Cents," tokens that employees can collect and redeem for awards from a company catalog, including MP3 players, George Foreman grills, and parkas.

The Safety Cents incentive program was created by LoAnn Larson, Vice-President of Human Resources at *Spenard*, which has 14 stores statewide, plus truss plants and millwork locations, and is a division of Redmond, Wash.-based *Lanoga Corp.* The program not only rewards employees for individual behaviors, but also focuses on teams "because we want a lot of peer counseling and people taking care of each other," Larson says. Teams are rewarded with tokens when they have no accidents or recordable injuries, a standard that was chosen because "it's so measurable," she says. Plus, individuals can earn tokens from their managers at any time. In addition to the incentive to employees, the tokens give managers a tool to recognize good practices instead of just disciplining for safety infractions. To ensure that employees don't hide incidents, company policy requires that all accidents, injuries, and near misses be reported.

Once a month, Larsen takes another walk, this time looking for potential problems, such as damaged equipment or electrical wires that have pulled loose. She makes sure the fire extinguishers are current, the exit lights are working, and products are stored away from fire sprinklers. Then she joins all 23 of the other staff members in the store for a lunch meeting to discuss safety topics and any near misses, to address any issues seen during the walk-through, and to award more safety tokens to teams that achieved safety goals that month.

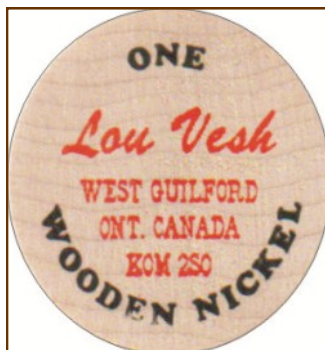
One of the yard's biggest goals is to keep its record going. The Kodiak location has been accident-free since Aug. 1, 2002, a record that has been recognized by the company and now by *NLBMDA* with a *National Industry Leader in Safety Award*. "They enjoy watching out for each other and keeping that record going," Larsen says.

It's an attitude that comes straight from *Spenard* corporate. The company's basic philosophy, Larson says, is "Nothing we do is worth causing an injury to anyone," and safety is part of senior management's annual operating plan as a key success factor. Specific objectives are set each year for a recordable incidence rate (RIR), number of lost days, and total dollar value of workmen's compensation claims. Safety is such an integral part of the company's culture that it is the top item discussed in annual performance review meetings. Plus, the company's bonus structure factors in safety results at all employee levels.

Larsen says that of all the safety initiatives in place at the branch and within the company, their mentoring program for new employees has contributed most to their success. "We put them with a veteran for at least two months," she explains. "They are learning the safe way of doing things. If they're doing something wrong, it's corrected right away." Larson agrees that Kodiak's new-employee orientation is a critical element of its stellar safety record. "New hires are very prone to accidents," she says. "The mentors take the time to orient them to their particular spot in the organization. It lasts until the mentor feels the person is ready to be on their own. That's tough for a store with only 24 people." Plus, the staff responds to Larsen's commitment to giving them a safe place to work. "They know it isn't because she wants a zero RIR," Larson says. "It's because she cares about them."

## 14 Years Ago by Judy Blackman

Did you know in August 1997 the CAWMC President was Lou Vesh and Vice-President was Albert Kasman. The free wood of the month was a Greeting from Utah member Richard Blaylock, and that month Edward MacPherson of Nova Scotia joined the CAWMC. Our Timber Talk editor was Ross Kingdon. Lou attended the R.C.N.A. convention in New Brunswick and returned home with the 1997 Literary Award as a reliable contributor to the Timber Talk, a suitably inscribed framed wooden flat. Lou also unveiled the next two birds in his 'Birds of My Garden' series, being hummingbird (5944-081) and the red-winged black bird (5944-080). Norm's 1997 Catalogue supplement was available \$10 on paper or \$5 on disc plus \$1 for shipping.







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## **GIZEH ARABIAN BAND**

### *From Our Correspondence* by Darryl and James Atchison



A little while ago, we accidentally stumbled upon another new 'oldie' from B.C. so we set about trying to find out more about both the subject of the wood and the wood itself. In our search, we were sent the information below by the Office of the Shriners of B.C. and the Yukon. Unfortunately, no one has been able to tell us when or where the wood

was issued despite making contact with several members of the band over the past couple of months. Since the band is based in the Okanagan and runs its practices from Penticton as of 1995, that is probably the best place to catalogue the wood.

In the very late 1970's, a group of Boundary Shriners from the towns of Oliver and Osoyoos formed an Oriental Band. Coinciding with this commencement, a number of Shrine Nobles in Kelowna formed a similar band. By 1982, the twenty-eight Nobles from both Bands came together in Penticton, to form a Band Temple Unit with the original name of the "Gizeh Arabian Band". The combined Unit was restricted to forty-five members from the Okanagan and Similkameen (Princeton and Keremeos) with the first headquarters in Kelowna.

Noble Stan Ruemper, late of the Al Azhar Oriental Band in Edmonton was elected as the first Musical Director. In the early history, the Arabian Band alternated bi-monthly practices between Oliver and Kelowna. A short time later, the Band arranged to have their practices on alternate Thursday nights in a warehouse in Penticton, a more central location for members, scattered through the Okanagan and Similkameen. With the retirement of Noble Ruemper in 1988, Noble Bill Cross, the first President of the new Unit took over the reins of Musical Director, followed in 1990 by Noble Bill Morrison late of the Winnipeg Khartoum Oriental Band. With Noble Morrison returning to Manitoba, Noble Jim Hodgkinson, former member of Edmonton Al Azhar Oriental Band filled the post and is still active as such, at present.

In 1995, the average age of the Band Members was seventy-four, with one, Noble Norman Jackson marching merrily and briskly along at ninety-two years. The Arabian Band decided that a Mobile Unit was in order. Under the able assistance of Millwright Noble Paul Zrobok of Kelowna, a sturdy trailer was designed and built. This stately conveyance is now our cherished Charabanc and has proved its worth, over and over. Nobles Appleton, Cross and Teneda, original members are still with the Band, while others, such as Noble Hubber, after a short hiatus with the Oriental Band in Vancouver, has returned to his roots in Kelowna.

The band is very active, providing entertainment in the many towns in the Okanagan and Similkameen and travels far and wide to provide music at Ceremonials and installations. In summary, it is safe to say that the Arabian Band is lively, with new innovations, costumes, members and vitality.

